

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2008 white-fronted goose season was open from 27 September - 21 December statewide. The daily bag limit was one goose and the season possession limit was two. To hunt white-fronted geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license. All hunters age 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp.

Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. In 2008, there were a projected 1,246 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (903 residents, 343 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there was a projected total of 1,767 white-fronted geese harvested (1,571 by residents and 196 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 1999 - 2008 white-fronted goose harvests:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Resident Hunters</i> | | | | <i>Nonresident Hunters</i> | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Number Hunters</i> | <i>Harvest</i> | <i>Ave Days Hunted</i> | <i>Ave Bag, Season</i> | <i>Number Hunters</i> | <i>Harvest</i> | <i>Ave Days Hunted</i> | <i>Ave Bag, Season</i> |
| 1999 | 1,080 | 2,192 | n/a | 2.03 | 58 | 263 | n/a | 4.54 |
| 2000 | 522 | 2,004 | n/a | 3.84 | 86 | 148 | n/a | 1.72 |
| 2001 | 2,156 | 1,833 | 7.13 | 0.85 | 564 | 243 | 4.33 | 0.43 |
| 2002 | 2,173 | 2,912 | 7.30 | 1.34 | 568 | 204 | 6.93 | 0.36 |
| 2003 | 2,580 | 2,890 | 5.77 | 1.12 | 624 | 349 | 4.27 | 0.56 |
| 2004 | 2,342 | 3,162 | 6.10 | 1.35 | 527 | 237 | 4.18 | 0.45 |
| 2005 | 1,216 | 1,167 | 6.45 | 0.96 | 401 | 92 | 5.23 | 0.23 |
| 2006 | 1,152 | 979 | 7.59 | 0.85 | 582 | 221 | 4.84 | 0.38 |
| 2007 | 971 | 757 | 8.00 | 0.78 | 357 | 96 | 4.82 | 0.27 |
| 2008 | 903 | 1,571 | 6.61 | 1.74 | 343 | 196 | 4.85 | 0.57 |

NOTE: Previous to 2001, the definition of a white-fronted goose hunter was one who bagged 1+ white-front. Starting in 2001, the definition was changed to a hunter who spent 1+ days hunting white-fronted geese. This definition increased the number of hunters and decreased the average season bag estimates, but not the overall harvest projections.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2008

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| | Resident | Non Residents |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days | 72 | 82 |
| Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days | 476 | 398 |
| Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese | 6.61 | 4.85 |
| Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged | 125 | 47 |
| Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season | 1.74 | 0.57 |
| Projected Days White-fronted Hunting | 5,969 | 1,664 |
| Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters | 903 | 343 |
| Projected White-fronted Goose Bag | 1,571 | 196 |
| TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 1,767 | | |
| White-fronted Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1* | 5.40 | 4.90 |

**1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied*

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1954-2008

